

Colorectal Center



The Colorectal Center at Cincinnati Children's provides comprehensive care for infants and children with colorectal disorders. Our multidisciplinary team includes experienced pediatric colorectal surgeons, nurses, and gastroenterology, gynecology, psychology, urology and nutrition. We work closely together to provide coordinated treatment and long-term follow-up care, with the goal of helping each child we treat experience his or her own best quality of life.

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FULL SPECTRUM OF CONDITIONS TREATED

Our team is committed to surgically repairing congenital malformations, managing conditions that do not need to be treated surgically and helping patients achieve long-term bowel control. Follow-up often continues through the patient's young adult years.

We treat a variety of complex conditions, including:

- Anorectal malformations/imperforate anus/cloaca
- Cloacal exstrophy
- Hirschsprung's disease
- Inflammatory bowel disease (ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease)
- Idiopathic constipation, including intestinal pseudo-obstruction
- Fecal incontinence, including fecal incontinence in spina bifida
- Familial adenomatous polyposis
- Fistula in ano
- Neurogenic bowel
- Post pull-through problems



Cincinnati Children's is ranked third among all Honor Roll hospitals and second for Gastroenterology & GI Surgery in the 2016-17 *U.S. News & World Report* listing of Best Children's Hospitals.





500+

Number of colorectal procedures performed each year

80%

Success rate of bowel management program for fecal incontinence



Patients have come to the center from all 50 states and 88 countries

ADVANCED DIAGNOSTICS AND TREATMENT

Physicians at the Colorectal Center use sophisticated tests to ensure an accurate diagnosis, utilizing technologies such as:

- 3D cloacagram
- Fluoroscopy
- Distal colostogram
- MRI /MRE
- Spinal and abdominal ultrasound

When surgery is necessary, we offer the following:

- Colostomy
- Pull-through procedure (PSARP)
- Laparoscopic pull-through
- Transanal rectosigmoid resection
- Anoplasty
- Malone appendicostomy
- Laparoscopic pouch procedure for IBD and polyposis
- Robotic pelvic surgery
- Sacral nerve stimulation
- Vaginal replacement

Other treatment options include collaborative medical management, nutrition, psychosocial and physical therapy. Our highly effective bowel management program allows many patients with fecal incontinence to become clean and to achieve social bowel control, thereby avoiding permanent colostomy or dependence on diapers. Children who follow the program gain self-esteem, confidence and a much-improved quality of life.

SPECIALTY CARE COORDINATION AND EDUCATION

At the Colorectal Center, we believe that the best outcomes are achieved through close collaboration among our surgeons, other care professionals at Cincinnati Children's and referring physicians. Depending on the nature of each individual case, we work closely with other pediatric specialists at Cincinnati Children's, including those in fetal medicine, gastroenterology, gynecology, neurosurgery, orthopaedics, radiology and urology, among many others.

In addition, we offer workshops for healthcare professionals, a visiting surgeon program, surgical fellowship and teaching teleconferences. Our physicians travel internationally to perform surgery and to train medical professionals in the care of patients with complex colorectal conditions.

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